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Act East Policy
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any study on the micro and macro economic benefits of the Act East Policy for the North Eastern Region (NER);
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the details of policy proposed to be implemented across the seven sister States of the NER under the Act East Policy, State-wise, including Arunachal Pradesh?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of
Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Jitendra Singh]
(a) to (c) The objective of "Act East Policy" is to promote economic cooperation, cultural ties and develop strategic relationship with countries in the Asia-Pacific region through continuous engagement at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels thereby ending the economic isolation of the States of North Eastern Region including Arunachal Pradesh.
Establishing connectivity with the neighbouring countries and within NER, and development of other infrastructure are integral part of Act East Policy. Until the connectivity with the neighbouring countries and infrastructure with in NER (road, rail, inland water transport, telecom, airports, power, etc.) are fully established the micro and macro benefit of the policy cannot be assessed.